

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of prioritising a sample, the method comprising the steps of:  
incorporating an indicator band around a body of a specimen  
container
- 5 wherein the indicator band is incorporated on a body of the specimen  
container prior to a sample being located within a body of the specimen  
container.
2. The method of claim 1 further including the step of the indicator band  
being incorporated around the body of the specimen container during  
10 production of the specimen container.
3. The method of claim 1 further including the step of incorporating a lid  
indicator on a lid of the specimen container.
4. The method of claim 1 further including the step of locating the  
indicator band adjacent an opening of a body of the specimen container.
- 15 5. The method of claim 1 further including the step of adhering the  
indicator band to the specimen container.
6. The method of claim 1 further including the step of integrally forming  
the indicator band within the specimen container.
7. The method of claim 1 further including the step of printing the  
20 indicator band on the specimen container.
8. A specimen container comprising:  
a body for placement of a specimen;  
and  
an indicator band extending around the body;  
25 wherein the band is brightly coloured to be visible from a  
distance.
9. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band of claim  
8 wherein the indicator band extends entirely around the specimen container.
10. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is a  
30 continuous band.
11. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is a  
non-continuous band.

12. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator is located on the body adjacent an opening of the body.
13. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is between 1 mm and 20 mm wide.
- 5 14. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is between 2 mm and 10 mm wide.
15. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is between 2.5 mm and 5 mm wide.
- 10 16. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a brightness of greater than 40%
17. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a brightness of greater than 60%
18. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a brightness of greater than 80%
- 15 19. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a saturation of greater than 40%.
20. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a saturation of greater than 60%.
- 20 21. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a saturation of greater than 80%.
22. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the specimen container includes a lid for placement on the body of the specimen container;
23. The specimen container of claim 22 wherein an additional indicator may be incorporated into a lid of the specimen container.
- 25 24. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is a label that is applied to the body.
25. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is integrally formed with the body.
26. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is printed on the body.
- 30 27. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band includes a human readable element.

28. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band includes a machine readable element.

29. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein further including a details section to allow for the recordal of the details of a patient on the specimen container.

30. The specimen container of claim 29 wherein the details section includes a location for one or more of a surname, first name, date of birth, time, signature, ward, patient number, sample type, fill line, anticoagulant type, preservative type, batch number, expiry details, date of manufacture of the specimen container, a biohazard symbol, a radiation marker symbol.

31. The specimen container of claim 29 wherein the details section includes a human readable and/or machine readable element.

32. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is fluorescent.

33. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein a removable tag forms part of the indicator band.

34. The specimen container of claim 33 wherein the removable tag is an adhesive removable tag.